(e) If the funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are released directly to the districts instead of through the State Governments, it would cut short the delay. The implementing agencies i.e. District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishad (DRDAs/ZPs) and Panchayats would be getting JRY funds relatively faster which would certainly ensure quicker and better implementation of the scheme.

(d) The Central assistance amounting to Rs. 549.78 crores was released directly to the districts under JRY during 1993-94.

(e) No, Sir. The primary responsibility for implementing JRY would still be with the State Governments who will also release their matching share to the DRDAs/ZPs directly. There would, therefore, be no erosion of the authority of the State Government if the funds are directly released to the districts.

(f) Does not arise.

Drinking water shortage in Madhya Pradesh

5005. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to treated;

(a) whether due to less rainfall and water shortage in Madhya Pradesh a number of wells, tube wells, hand pumps were constructed;

(b) whether these Pumps, Tube wells, etc. have become useless due to the excessive use and less rainfall;

(c) whether the State Government had urged the Centre to provide help and assistance to make them useful;

(d) if so, whether any scheme is being formulated by the Centre to help Madhya Pradesh Government in making these villages self-sufficient in drinking water; and

(e) if so, the help Central Government have agreed to provide to these affected village ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) During the years 1986-87 to 1993-94 about 65,100 tubewells/handpumps in villages were installed as scarcity works.

(b) The life of tubewells is 10—15 years depending on various factors. Keeping this point in view, handpumps installed out of scarcity/non-scarcity funds prior to 1-4-80 are required to be replaced. Their number is about 8325.

(c) No proposal has been received from the State Govt. for replacement of tubewells as mentioned in part (b) of the question.

(d) & (e) Do not arise. However, the Central Govt. releases grant to the State Govt. under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme every year to take up work of handpump installation in the rural areas. The allocation under ARWSP for 1994-95 has been fixed at Rs. 5142 lakhs out of which Rs. 1300.0 lakh has been released as first installment of funds.

Starting of Industry based works for Self-Employment

5006. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that educated/uneducated rural youth are being encouraged in the country, particularly in Punjab, to start industry based works with a view to provide self-employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) what are the names of places where the said industries have been established in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) to (c) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), constant

emphasis is given to start industry and service and business (ISB) based ventures. As a result, Industry based ventures which were just 2% under IRDP in 1980-81 when the scheme started have risen to 18.41% in 1992-93. Out of the total assisted projects. In Punjab, this percentage is 26%. Under the Scheme of Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), 98,523 ventures were assisted in Punjab as against a total of 15.95 lakhs in the country during 1983-84 to 1992-93. These are small ventures with investment upto Rs. 35,000 spread over all the districts in Punjab.

Centrally sponsored schemes in Rural Areas of Punjab

5007. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of Centrally sponsored schemes to create maximum number of job opportunities in the rural and border areas of Punjab;

(b) what are the details of allocations made to Punjab Government for the schemes for the current financial year;

(c) what effective measures are being taken by Government to implement these schemes in the State;

(d) whether any result has been achieved from the said schemes in the rural areas of the State; and

(e) whether the said schemes were implemented properly in the rural and border schemes for the current financial year;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) and (b) Major Centrally sponsored schemes to create job opportunities in the rural areas, including the border areas of Punjab are IRDP and JRY, IRDP aims at creating self employment opportunities in rural areas through assistance in the form of Bank credit/subsidy to the families living below the poverty line to undertake economic activities in the Primary, Secondary and tertiary sectors. Similarly, JRY is a regular on going centrally sponsored programme implemented by the Govt. all over the country including the State of Punjab. The primary objective of the scheme is to provide additonal gainful employment to the unemployed and underemployed persons below poverty line in the rural areas. The total amount of Central allocation made to the Punjab State during 1994-95 under the programmes is as follow :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Programme	*Amount allocated*
IRDP	262.00*
JRY	1359.42*

(c) to (e) The above schemes are effectively monitored by the officers of the Central Govt. as well as of the State Govt. for their proper implementation. Besides, Concurrent evaluation Studies are also carried out through independent Research Institutions/organisations to assess the impact of these programmes. Based on the findings of the evaluation studies, necessary corrective measures are taken to effect improvements in future. The programmes are uniformly implemented in the rural areas of the State including the border areas.

Central scheme in the North Eastern Region

5008. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Schemes viz. National Rural Employment Programme, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) are not able to make any progress in the North Eastern region; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken in this regard ?

*Provisional figures.